

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, March 13, 2014**  
**7:30 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the hour of 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Lehr, Blackgrove, Kissling and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider. Member McPherron was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting as presented.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Dan Worl of IMPA presented a summary of an Energy Efficiency Program. He informed the Board of residential, commercial and industrial efficiency incentives. He also indicated that all rebates would be made directly from IMPA.

Transportation Director Sue Tooley presented an update of the Huntingburg Transit System.

Phil Ahrens representing the Huntingburg Tree Committee was present and made a recommendation to the Council to help reduce the amount of fruit produced by the trees on 4<sup>th</sup> Street to reduce the problems associated with the dropped fruit such as tracking into stores and dropping onto vehicles. The Tree Committee recommendation is to treat the trees during bloom stage with NAA which is a natural occurring plant hormone. He noted it is safe to use around people. He noted that he would volunteer to help in the process.

The Mayor indicated that the costs would be explored for the number of trees involved and a decision could be made at the next Council meeting.

The Mayor indicated that Aaron Bell, a Council appointment to the Tree Committee will be moving to Holland and a replacement is needed to fill the remainder of his term. He recommended Heather Tretter to fill the position on the Tree Committee.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the appointment of Heather Tretter to the Huntingburg Tree Committee for the remainder of Bell's term.

Rachel Steckler, Director of Communication & Community Development, presented a recommendation from the Huntingburg Revolving Loan Committee for a \$25,000.00 loan to Tucker Tater Company, LLC dba Spudz-N-Stuff. The loan rate would be 4% and would be paid back over five years. She noted the primary entrée would be baked potatoes topped many different ways but they would also offer salads, pitas, subs and nachos.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the recommendation for a loan to Tucker Tater Company, LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00 at 4% for 5 Years from the Huntingburg Revolving Loan Fund as noted above.

The Mayor indicated that Water Superintendent Todd Williams' 90 day review is complete and he recommends to the Board that Williams' pay be increased to \$1,122.17 per week effective March 8, 2014.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the pay increase to \$1,122.17 per week for Water Superintendent Todd Williams.

The Mayor informed the Council that he will be at the Mayors Institute on March 27 and 28. He suggested moving the Council meeting scheduled for March 27, 2014 to Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

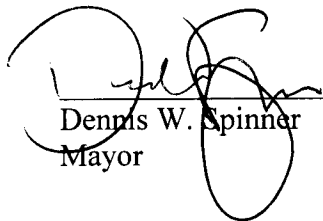
A motion was made by Lehr seconded by Summers and carried reschedule the Council meeting from March 27, 2014 to March 25, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

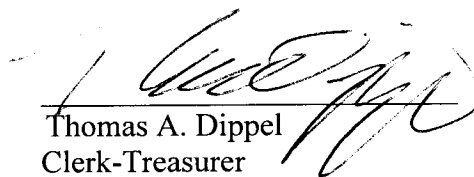
The Mayor indicated that the City had been contacted about the possible purchase of 8.02 acres next to the Niehaus Park. It was noted that two appraisals would need to be obtained if the city is interested in the purchase.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-11 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA DETERMINING AN INTEREST IN THE  
PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE**

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 o'clock P.M.

  
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Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor

  
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Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer